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COULD NOT DECIPHER IT

Mr. Call's Amendment to Nicaragua Canal Bill a Puzzle.

DAY'S DOINGS IN THE HOUSE

Consideration of the Urgency Deficiency Bill--Vote on the Motion to Strike Out the Appropriation for the Collection of Income Tax.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Consideration of the Nicaragua canal bill was resumed and Mr. Morgan finished his argument in advocacy of it. He asked unanimous consent to have the vote taken upon it next Thursday, but objection was made by Mr. Caffery and then Mr. Morgan asked that the vote be taken immediately. But Mr. Puffer desired to occupy some time in presenting his views and the bill went over. In the meantime, an amendment to it was sent up by Mr. Call and when its reading was called for by Mr. Morgan, there was no one at the clerk's desk who could make anything out of the manuscript except the words "The United States of America." And it was left to be deciphered at the government printing office.

Aside from about an hour devoted to an animated discussion of the policy of the pension bureau under the present administration, the session of the house today was strictly a business one.

After some general business the house went into committee of the whole and resumed consideration of the urgency deficiency bill, the pending question being the amendment offered by Mr. Henderson (Rep. Ia.) to reduce the amount of the appropriation for special pension agents from \$250,000 to \$125,000.

Mr. Hicks (Rep. Pa.) advocated the amendment. He said that the special agents had been charged under the influence of the unjust charge of fraud against the pensioners made in the president's message of 1893 from friends of applicants for pensions to antagonists. This was shown, said Mr. Hicks, by their method of examining applicants, which was often hasty and unfair. In response to a challenge from Mr. Cooch (Dem. N. Y.), he gave an instance in Pennsylvania, which, he asserted, bore out his statement.

Vote on Deficiency Bill.

After an hour's debate the house, in committee of the whole, voted 89 to 59 not to reduce the appropriation in the urgency deficiency bill for the payment of special pension examiners from \$250,000 to \$125,000 upon the amendment offered by Mr. Henderson (Rep. Ia.). The bill was then reported to the house with a favorable recommendation. Mr. Cockeran (Dem. N. Y.), moved to recommit the bill, with instructions to strike out the appropriation for collecting the income tax. On this question the yeas and nays were ordered.

The motion to recommit was lost—yeas 49, nays 168; the bill was then passed.

Those who voted in the affirmative: Mr. Cockeran's motion to strike out the income tax were: Messrs. Adams, (Pa.), Aldrich, Baker, (N. H.), Bartlett, Bingham, Boutwell, Brewster, Bristow, Bundy, Cadmus, Campbell, Clancy, Cockeran, Coffin, Cooch, Curtis, (N. Y.), Dabell, Daniels, Draper, Dunn, Fiedler, Gardner, Gear, Geisenhainer, Graham, Grosvener, Grow, Harmer, Hicks, Hooker, (N. Y.), Lefevre, Loudenslager, Marvin, McDowell, Morse, Page, Reynolds, Russell, (Conn.), Scrantom, Sickles, Stephenson, Stevens, W. A. Stone, Storv, Thomas, Wadsworth, Wanger, Weaver and Wooster. Messrs. Tracy and Everett answered "present."

INCOME TAX REGULATIONS.

Persons Having an Annual Income of Over \$3,500 Must Make Return.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The secretary of the treasury today approved the income tax regulations. Every citizen of the United States, whether residing at home or abroad, and every person residing or doing business in the United States, who has an annual income of more than \$3,500, is required to make return under oath before the first Monday in March of each year. The first return is to include all income received in the year 1894, from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Guardians, trustees, and all corporations acting in any fiduciary capacity are required to make similar returns for minors, wards or beneficiaries.

Persons having less than \$3,500 annual income are not required to make return. All incomes of \$4,000 and over are taxable 2 per cent.

SOLD BOGUS TERRITORY.

United States Marshal Arrests a Patent Swindler.

By the United Press.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., Dec. 13.—W. J. Sanford, charged with using the United States mails for unlawful purposes, was arrested here by Marshal Clark this afternoon.

Sanford pretended to represent the owners of different patents and sold victimized scores of dupes in this portion of the state by selling them bogus territory before his rascalties were exposed. He claims to be a New York newspaper man.

CORNERED BY COMSTOCK.

Printer Pleads Guilty to Charge of Circulating Obscene Literature.

By the United Press.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 13.—M. L. Dellinger, a printer of this city, pleaded guilty today to printing, selling and disseminating obscene literature.

Anthony Comstock, who caused the arrest, said he conducted the most extensive traffic of this kind in the country. Sentence was deferred.

SHOT HER LOVER.

Annie Brewer Fatally Wounds Gideon Lattimer.

By the United Press.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 13.—Annie N., better known as "Maud" Brewer, a pretty 25-year-old girl, shot her lover, Gideon W. Lattimer, Jr., this morning. The two had been lovers for some time, but Lattimer was anxious to withdraw and today called at the girl's home with several trinkets, a photograph and some letters that she had sent him. She pleaded with him to change his decision and come back to her. He refused and the girl drawing a revolver, fired two

shots at him. One bullet struck him in the bowels and passed through to the hip, the other entered his right shoulder.

Miss Brewer then left the house as quickly as possible and has disappeared. Lattimer was found unconscious on the floor of the room, bleeding profusely. Neither of Lattimer's wounds are likely to be fatal. The police are searching for the girl.

BLOWN FROM AN ENGINE.

Singular and Fatal Accident to Fireman Fogle.

By the United Press.

Pittsburg, Dec. 13.—About 5 o'clock this morning Fireman F. B. Fogle, of the second-class Atlantic express, on the Pennsylvania railroad, was blown by a sudden gust of wind from the engine cab as the train was nearing New Florence, sixty-five miles east of Pittsburg.

Fogle's dead body was picked up a few minutes later by the train crew. The wind was blowing a gale and the train was running at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour at the time. Fogle was 24 years of age, married, and resided at Altoona.

PENNER SCORES KNIGHTS.

He Claims That They Are Led by Scurrilous Knave—Browne's Resolution Is Turned Down.

By the United Press.

Denver, Col., Dec. 13.—At today's session of the Federation of Labor a resolution reported favorably by the committee on resolutions asking congress to pass a law making it criminal for employers to supplement their help in time of strike and warfare by employing large companies of men from foreign countries.

Next came the silver resolutions with a long preamble as an argument favoring the free coinage advocates. It demands the re-enactment of the coinage law of 1837 upon a ratio of 16 to 1. The resolution was adopted.

The committee on president's address reported, endorsing the position of the executive council in the American Railway union strike. It recommended the fixing of May 1, 1896, as the date for an effort to establish the eight hour day.

An opposition to the committee's report was raised by Delegate Penner because it recommended the continuance of negotiations with the Knights of Labor for a union. Delegate Penner wanted to have nothing to do with what he denominated a gang of scoundrels led by scurrilous knaves. Such an organization, he declared, could only be reformed by killing it.

The resolution committee reported adversely on a document from Carl Browne, the Coxeyite, requesting that if congress shall adopt the Baltimore plan the federation shall order its followers to demand payment in gold coin after May 1, 1896.

A resolution by T. J. Morgan, of Chicago, to secure the enforcement of the compulsory education law in all the states, was endorsed. The resolution condemning the "plunk me" stores of large corporations and the issuance of script payment for labor was adopted.

TRIED TO ROAST HIM.

Students at Thiel College Resist the President's Peculiar Ideas by Dastardly Outrages.

By the United Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—A special to the Record from Sharon, Pa., says: Students at Thiel college, in Greenville, this county, becoming incensed at the monarchical tendencies of President Roth, attempted last night, so it is believed, to roast him to death in his bed.

Several weeks ago President Roth shocked the students by making a speech in which he denounced in vigorous terms the present mode of government in the United States and said that a monarchical government was the only government. This speech was the beginning of the whole affair, and since that time the president has been subjected to all kinds of abuses and insults, which have grown worse of late.

On Monday night the president was hung in effigy in such a position as to attract the attention of every person who passed the college. Tuesday night a shower of bricks was thrown through the window in the president's study, but luckily he escaped without injury.

Last night, about midnight, a fire was discovered under the dormitory where the president was asleep. The fire was extinguished without difficulty but not before the building was badly burned. The dastardly students had hauled a load of shavings, saturated them with oil and set them on fire.

The faculty, with the aid of the police, is making every attempt possible to locate the perpetrators of the dastardly plot.

Reunion of Fifty-first Regiment.

By the United Press.

Harrisburg, Dec. 13.—A reunion of the Fifty-first regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, was held here today. The attendance was not large. J. Calkin Unstead and William W. Oweh, both of Norristown, were elected president and secretary, respectively. The next reunion will be held at the hotel of Frederickburg, Saturday, Aug. 24.

Detweiler Indicted.

By the United Press.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 13.—Charged with false pretense and embezzlement by Northampton county commissioners, L. Detweiler, court stenographer and secretary of the Republican county committee, was today indicted by the grand jury.

STATE PARAGRAPHS.

Saturday evening Governor Pattison will preside at a meeting of the Harrisburg branch of the Commercial Travellers' Home association.

Owing to the split in the Evangelical association, Schuykill seminary will, about the first of year, remove from Frederickburg to Myerstown.

Mrs. William Rhode, of Williamsport, who temporarily insane, committed suicide yesterday morning by jumping into the Susquehanna river.

Eleven-year-old Ella Hill, of Natick, Catholic county, has been arrested and held in \$1,000 bail on the charge of embezzling \$500 belonging to the money order department.

A new addition which Mahlon Heffner, of New Jerusalem, was building to his house was wrecked and everything in it destroyed by the explosion of a number of sticks of dynamite which had been placed near on open hearth fire to dry.

GENERAL GREGG'S REPORT

Important Recommendations Contained in the Review.

STATE FINANCES HEALTHY

The Large Balance, However, as the Attraction for Misappropriation May Not Prove an Unmixed Blessing. Many Amendments Are Needed.

By the United Press.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 13.—Auditor General Gregg makes some important recommendations in his report to the governor. He says the finances of the commonwealth are in a healthy condition. Referring to the large balance in the state treasury, he observes:

Whilst we may point with pride to the existence of this large balance, it must not be too readily assumed that it will prove an unmixed blessing. Its very existence will invite applications of its appropriation to purposes neither necessary nor deserving. If a considerable portion of the present accumulated balance could be applied to some needed public use, whose benefits would be enjoyed by the entire people, without placing upon commonwealth an annual charge therefor, which could not be made from its probable revenues, it would seem well that the existing surplus, should be so used.

He speaks of some difficulties in collecting the revenues and says:

It is greatly to be regretted that the taxation of the capital stock of corporations, limited partnership and joint stock associations cannot be made under a tax law that can be enforced, upon reports made to this department and under a general rule of application.

There are upward of 7,000 corporations and limited partnerships and joint stock associations making capital stock reports to this department. Of these probably one-half do not report sales of shares of stock to have occurred during the year. In view of these facts it is respectfully urged that legislation be introduced at the approaching session, so amend the present law of taxing capital stock that it shall be possible for the auditor general to determine the tax in each case, save in exceptional cases, from reports made to his department.

Where Amendment Was Needed. General Gregg says there is great need of amendment to the existing laws on the subject of theatrical and circus licenses. He suggests that the owner or lessee of a place for theatrical representations should be required to pay an annual license, which should be graduated according to the population of the city or borough in which the building is situated.

It is recommended that section of the act of June 7, 1879, shall be so amended as to limit the application of the word "broker" in the act to those brokers who receive deposits of money.

Reference is made to the fact that the number of mine inspectors was increased from 18 to 18 in 1893 and no appropriations made for the increased salaries. There will, therefore, be a deficit to be provided for by the legislature.

The receipts this year were: \$12,873,786.32; the chief items being the tax on corporation stock and limited partnership, \$3,635,688.73; tax on gross receipts, \$260,308.61; banks, \$55,341.78; foreign insurance companies, \$48,738.32; loans, \$1,351,625.99; tax on personal property, \$2,388,769.99; tax on writs, wills, deeds, etc., \$162,428.52; tax on collateral inheritance, \$869,178.93; licenses, \$1,366,041.26; bonus on charters, \$215,257.69; United States government, \$399,071.56; fees of public officers, \$157,632.49; conscience money, \$644.

DEFENDANTS GALORE.

Edwardsville Anxious to Be Indicted for Burning Mrs. Thomas Davis and John Jones in Effigy.

By the United Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 13.—David Bolton and David Thomas, of Edwardsville, were tried tonight on the charge of libel for burning in effigy John Jones and Mrs. Thomas Davis. The neighbors charged that Jones and Mrs. Davis had been for some time stepping beyond the bounds of propriety, and they had warned them that they must not continue to besmirch the character of the neighborhood. The warnings went by unheeded, and a company of twenty or more went to Mrs. Davis' house at midnight, and burned the two figures in her front yard.

Mrs. Davis watched the flames from her window, and in the light detected several faces she knew. This morning she swore out warrants before Alderman Perkins for the arrest of Bolton and Thomas.

When they were arrested a crowd of a couple of hundred Edwardsville residents came over to the county seat, declaring that they were in the effigy party and requesting that they also be indicted. The case was postponed for a few days after a number of witnesses had been heard.

NEWFOUNDLAND CRISIS.

Heroic Efforts to Restore Confidence Are Made.

By the United Press.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 13.—It is now regarded as impossible for the Union bank, which, it was announced several days ago, had closed temporarily, to resume operations. Should this be the case, however, no loss would be suffered by the depositors or note holders. The property of the shareholders will be sacrificed to assure such a result. To accomplish this the bank of Nova Scotia, of Halifax, has sent two representatives on the steamer Barcelona to render whatever assistance is possible. Large consignments of specie are also on the way here, and it is hoped that this will help to restore public confidence.

A public movement will shortly be inaugurated to devise means for procuring food for those impoverished people who are without any prospect of obtaining employment this winter.

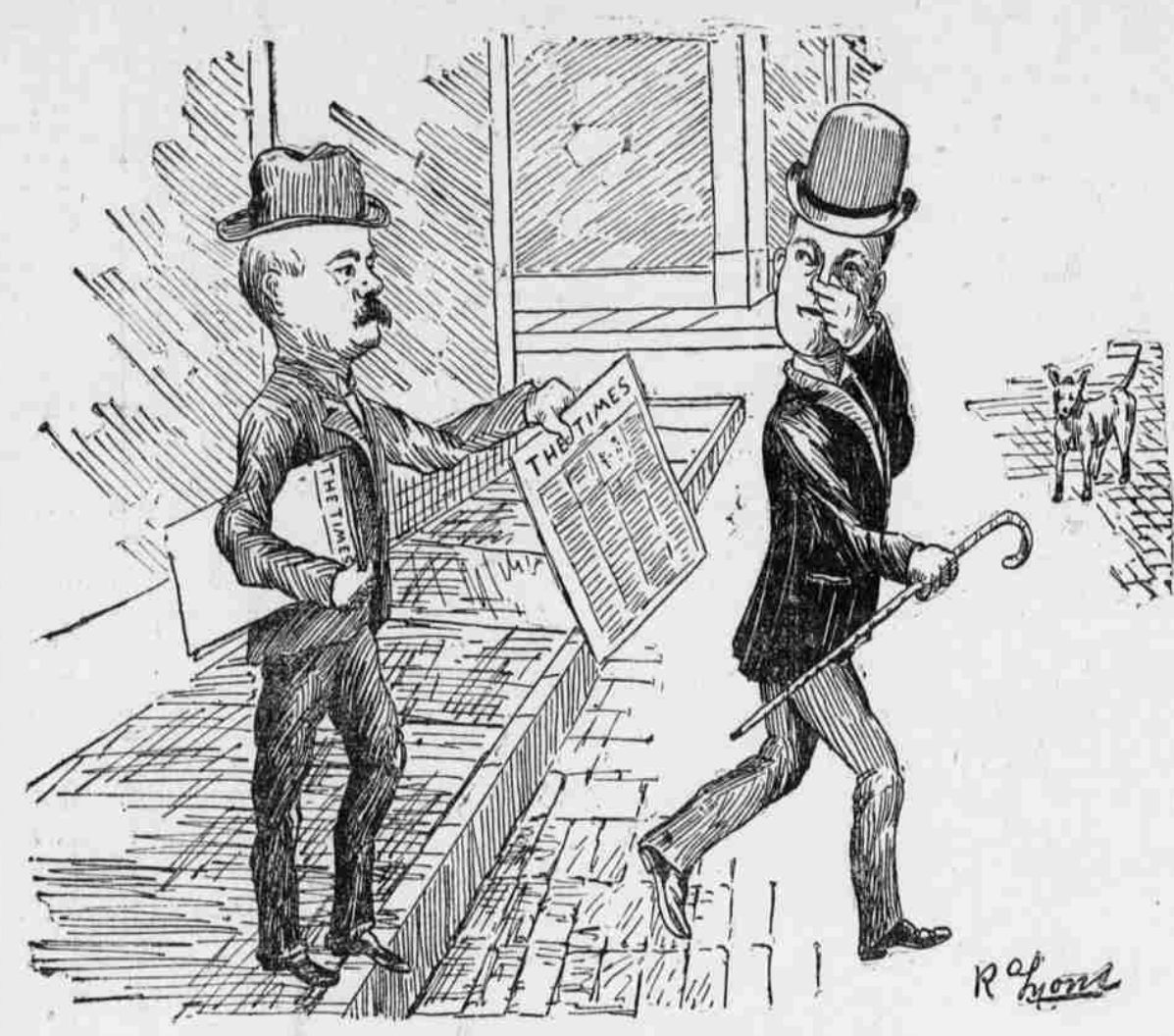
CRIER SHOOT A SHERIFF.

Tragedy Resulting from a Jury List Scandal.

By the United Press.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 13.—Ex-Criminal Court Crier Davis shot and instantly killed Deputy Sheriff Boyd this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the corner of Canal and Royal streets.

The trouble grew out of a scandal concerning the theft of a jury list from the criminal court and is the outcome of the boodle councilman troubles.



Sam's Sheet Decidedly Too Filthy for Him.

NEARY'S NARROW ESCAPE

Carbondale Constable Is Attacked by Blood-thirsty Highwaymen.

A MURDEROUS SUGGESTION

After Severely Beating the Officer, One of the Thugs Proposes to Finish Him and Place His Dead Body on the Railroad Track.

By the United Press.

Forest City, Dec. 13.—The large general store of George Wedeman at Vandling was visited by burglars yesterday morning about 1 o'clock. An entrance was effected by breaking open the front door. The safe was the next object that attracted their attention. Operations were at once begun on it by drilling a hole in the top. When this was accomplished a charge of dynamite was exploded, and the safe was open. The money, which amounted to about \$60, was secured.

Mr. Wedeman is treasurer of the fire company at Vandling, and \$50 of the money belonged to that organization. The men were four in number, and after securing the money they started toward the Erie railroad tracks.

Constable Edward Neary, of Carbondale, alighted from a train about 10 o'clock, and proceeded to Vandling to look for a criminal for whose arrest he had a warrant. He saw four men coming toward him, but thinking they were men who worked in the mine, he did not pay any attention to them.

Suddenly the men divided into two files to pass him, and when he was between the two sections, two of the men grabbed him by the wrists and knocked him down. One of the men quickly went through his pockets, relieving him of his revolver, money, a pair of handcuffs and watch. Seeing that he was an officer, one of the assailants made a vicious swing at him with a "jimmy," which came very close to his head.

One of the men suggested that they might as well finish him and put his body on the railroad track to appear that he had been killed by a train. They, however, changed their minds, and went down to the railroad track.

Mr. Neary quickly recovered and went to some houses and raised an alarm. Word was sent to Carbondale for officers, and Chief of Police McAndrew and Detective Michael Moran responded. Nothing could be discovered of the highwaymen at that time, but it is probable that efforts will be put forth to place them in the custody of the law.

ZIM'S FAREWELL.

The Great Cyclist Announces His Last Appearance in the Ring.

By the United Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—A nine days bicycle tournament began here tonight at Industrial hall with four races between class A men. None of tonight's races were finished, only the preliminary heats being ridden off. The attendance was not large, only about 200 people being present. The track is a very small one, being eighteen laps to a mile, and the turns were exceedingly dangerous, being twelve feet in elevation. There were two or three slips in the different heats, but no one was seriously hurt.

The star attraction of the evening was the appearance of Champion Zimmerman, who rode an exhibition mile in 2:23 3/5. Harry Wheeler appeared with Zimmerman, but did not ride, and Zimmerman announced that his appearance at this tournament was positively his last as a professional bicycle rider, as he intended to retire and go into business.

POPULIST AND HIS RAZOR.

Slashes His Wife and Sister-in-law and Commits Suicide.

By the United Press.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 13.—James Vivian, of South Fork, a French miner, and chairman of the Populist committee in Cambria county during the late campaign, this evening fatally attacked his wife and sister-in-law, a Miss Draden, with a razor, and then killed himself in the back yard of his home, where he was found, the discovery of his victims following, and the most intense excitement prevailing.

Vivian is said to have been unbalanced for some time, and his wife is also said to have been addicted to the laudanum or morphine habit. They had frequent quarrels, and the culmination came this evening about 8 o'clock, when the insane man, who had

IN FIRE AND EARTHQUAKE

Volcanic Disturbances Threaten Islands of the New Hebrides Group.

VILLAGE SWEEPED TO THE SEA

It Is Estimated That Fully Seventy-five Lives Have Been Lost—The Fertile Fields Covered with a Layer of Volcanic Ashes.

By the United Press.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13.—The Australian steamer, Warrimoo, which has just arrived, brings startling news about a majority of the islands of the New Hebrides group, which are passing through a baptism of fire, earthquake, and volcanic disturbances, threatening the very existence of several of the largest and best of the islands, including Ambrym, celebrated for the excellence of its coffee.

On this latter island an entire village of natives was recently swept into the sea. The loss of life has been variously estimated at from sixty to seventy-five men, women and children. In other of the group, fatalities are also reported. A layer of volcanic ashes from two to six inches deep covers the once fertile fields with an appropriate shroud.

Traders and planters living on Ambrym island have fled to the steamer Warrimoo, which, at the lowest estimate of the loss of life is fifty. Owing to recentness of the disaster, details were not available when the Warrimoo left the southern seas, although natives from all the volcanic islands were flocking to the centers of civilization for safety.

THE OFFICER WAS GREEN.

Tried to Lead Two Burglars to Jail Without Hands.

By the United Press.

Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 13.—Policeman Green surprised two burglars last night and led them to jail, forgetting to handcuff them. In the shadow of the prison one of them turned on Green and fired his revolver at short range. The officer escaped the bullet, but his murderous assailant made his escape.

The other man, Joe Seal, was recognized as a professional safe cracker and locked up. Officer Green is the only colored man on the local police force.

FRANK MORRIS CONVICTED.

Seventeen-Year-Old Ruffian Guilty of Murder in the First Degree.

By the United Press.

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 13.—Frank Morris was found guilty of murder in the first degree this afternoon. He is but 17 years old. On Sept. 13 he deliberately killed Bernard Loker, of Bullstown township, and fired two shots into Mrs. Loker, of which she has not yet recovered.

It was reported that Mr. Loker had money and it is thought this prompted the deed.

CLOSETED WITH HASTINGS.

Lieutenant Governor Wartes Pays His Respects to the Governor-Elect.

By the United Press.

Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 13.—Lieutenant Governor Wartes arrived this evening, was closeted with Governor-elect Hastings for some time, and will stay with the general over tomorrow.

Other callers on political matters were Captain Richardson, of Mahanoy City; Captain John Delaney, of Harrisburg, and Colonel Hill, of Allegheny.

DUE TO A MISTAKE.

An English Missionary Passes Three Weeks in a Turkish Prison.

By the United Press.

London, Dec. 13.—Charles Wenyon, an English Wesleyan missionary, recently was arrested while passing through Turkey on his way to China. After three weeks in prison, he was arraigned before a Turkish governor, who released him after assuring him that the arrest was due to a mistake.

Hayward and Bixt Indicted.

By the United Press.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 13.—In the Gung murder case today indictments were returned against Harry K. Hayward and Charles A. Bixt. The county attorney says they will not be arraigned until the crowds which surround the jail on the slightest rumor disperse.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; north-west winds, becoming southwest.

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